

## IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

### Events of the Past Week in and Around Town Briefly Told.

Cotton is bringing 81-8 cents today.

Mr. W. F. Harris went to Charlotte Thursday.

Dr. J. L. Spratt spent Friday in Rock Hill.

There are still those who would like to see warmer weather.

Intendant McElhaney went over to Gastonia last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. S. E. White.

There are very few of the citizens of the town who have not been recently vaccinated.

The family of Mr. Ira G. Smythe moved to their new home at Gastonia last Wednesday.

A Mr. Rowe, of Columbia, has been sent to this place as night operator for the Southern Railway.

Mr. R. J. Brown, of Newberry, has accepted the position of boss weaver at the Millfort Mill in this place.

Miss Cora Wilson, of Morganton, N. C., spent several days of last week at the home of Capt. S. E. White.

Mr. W. P. Crayton, of Charlotte, has accepted the position of overseer of the slasher room of the Fort Mill Mfg. Company.

One of the merchants was heard to remark that last Saturday was one of the best days his firm has had since the holidays.

Rev. A. Finch preached at Blackstock Sunday. He has received a call to serve Blackstock and Woodward churches, Chester county.

Miss Clara Sledge came up from Chester Saturday, and on Monday morning opened a school at the graded school building in this place.

If you have not been vaccinated you stand a pretty good chance to get smallpox, even if you avoid the houses that are decorated with yellow flags.

Miss Lillian Massey, of Tirzah, has been selected by Mrs. H. B. Buist and is now in Charleston, as sponsor for York county at the exposition carnival.

We are requested to state that the grist mill at the Spratt Machine shop will run next Saturday, the 15th, instead of the 22nd as has been given out.

The young people of the town enjoyed a delightful evening Monday at the home of Mr. D. G. Kimbrell. The occasion was what is known as a "surprise party."

It is said that a young man who has been attending the Gold Hill school ran away from home last Friday and has not yet returned, all on account of being required to make a speech before the school.

It is certain now that the small grain, especially the oat crop, has been greatly damaged by the cold spells in December and January. Some of the farmers will plow up and sow again, if the weather permits.

Mr. J. M. McGinn, whose home is near Harrison church, about 5 miles east of Fort Mill, was stricken with paralysis last Friday night. Mr. McGinn is one of the oldest and best citizens of Mecklenburg county.

As will be noted by his advertisement, Mr. T. B. Belk is now asking 85 cents per bushel for seed oats, instead of 75 cents as formerly. This advance was occasioned by the recent rise in the price of oats.

Mrs. Z. V. Bradford and little daughter Nettie went up to Charlotte Sunday to visit relatives. Mrs. Bradford and children will in a few days move to St. Petersburg, Fla., where Mr. Bradford has been living since January 1.

The Times was pleasantly surprised Monday evening to receive from Prof. S. M. Mason a letter, which is published in full in another column. Prof. Mason has a long list of friends in Fort Mill who will be delighted to hear from him, and in the future we shall be more than pleased to receive and publish other of his interesting communications.

Rev. J. H. Thornwell, of Fort Mill, delivered his humorous lecture, "A Country Parson's Trip to Europe," in Clinton recently. The Clinton Gazette in speaking of it says it was "grand, entertaining, spicy and refreshing."—Rock Hill Herald.

Electra Lodge K. of P., of Fort Mill, is to be well represented in Charleston on the 19th, it being Pythian Day at the exposition. A party of about ten will go down, leaving here on the night of the 18th. The fare for the round trip is \$4.70.

The Charlotte News says that three men, who hailed from Fort Mill, went to Charlotte last Monday to see the elephant and imbibed too much red lemonade. The Recorder took into account the dizzy whirl of a first visit to the city and let the Fort Mill sightseers off with costs.

We understand that a public ferry is to be opened soon just above Spratt's Island on Catawba river by the Messrs. Jones, who are to build a roller mill at the old Jones mill site. It is claimed that a ferry at that point will open up the shortest and best roadway between Fort Mill and Rock Hill.

A Washington dispatch to the News and Courier says that Capt. B. A. Boykin, a prominent farmer of Kershaw County, has written to Representative Finley asking his support of the movement to have the Government establish a weather signal station on Catawba River somewhere between Mount Holly, N. C., and Fort Mill, S. C.

By careful and persistent work on the part of the mill authorities, smallpox has been cleared from the mill premises and it is now up to the town people to do their part and prevent a spread of the disease from other sources. By co-operation of the operatives the infection was confined to the two original homes and these have recently been thoroughly fumigated and all danger of infection from this source is over.

Dr. J. B. Mack has written another very instructive article for the Charlotte Observer. The subject of Dr. Mack's last article is, "Where is the Presbyterian Church?" The Observer says "the thinkers he sees signs that the Southern Presbyterian church is getting away from the dogmas of a dead past and reaching out to meet the needs of a living present." The article is highly interesting and is one of the leading features of the Sunday Observer.

### How to Have Mail Sent.

Persons who live on the various rural routes that have just been established should give notice to their correspondents and to the newspapers to which they subscribe to address their mail properly. In all cases the name of the postoffice where the mail is now going should be given and then the route by which they are served and the place from which the carrier starts, as R. F. D. No. 1, or R. F. D. No. 2, Fort Mill, S. C., as the case may be. The number of the route must in all cases be given. This can be learned from the carrier or the postmaster of the old office or the office from which the rural route starts.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate in Fort Mill township were recorded in the office of the county auditor during the month of January:

E. C. and A. L. Caton and Catherine Thomas to A. L. Thomas, 53 acres; consideration \$200.

Mrs. C. E. Thomas to E. S. Niven, 53 acres; consideration \$250.

Mrs. K. H. White to S. A. Armstrong, 100 acres; consideration \$500.

S. W. Parks to E. A. Armstrong, 26 acres; consideration \$250.

A train on the Southern railway recently made the run from Salisbury to Atlanta, a distance of 312 miles, in five hours, the average being over 65 miles per hour.

### WORKING OVERTIME.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Bileousness, Constipation, Sick Headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at Meacham's drug store.

## From the City by the Sea.

Sullivan's Island, S. C., Feb. 10, '02. Mr. Editor: For sometime I have been thinking that I would send my friend, "The Times," a letter. It is not because I have so much to tell its readers, but simply from a desire to write. I suppose it is wrong to impose upon good nature in this way, but we all do things that are wrong.

Sullivan's Island has been my home only a little more than a month, but I assure that in this time I have explored all the land hereabout. The island is literally covered with houses, but at present most of them are vacant, as they are only occupied in summer. Where there are no dwellings, there are sand banks, and there is no doubt but that it is shifting sand. The wind of one night can move it from one yard to the next. If it were not for the soldiers and mechanics, this would be almost a deserted village.

My work is connected with the construction of the new barracks and quarters at this post. There are between thirty and forty buildings in progress of construction at a cost of more than a quarter of a million of dollars. When completed this reservation will be one of the best on the Atlantic coast.

If all are as ignorant of our sea coast fortifications as I was, they know very little about it. Charleston harbor is very strongly fortified. There are three forts on the island, Fort Moultrie, Battery Jasper, and Fort Capron. Of course everyone knows of old Fort Moultrie which has withstood the storms of many years. The others are new forts and constructed in the most modern style. The armament of Battery Jasper consists of four ten-inch guns and the rapid fire battery. Fort Capron is the mortar battery, containing sixteen twelve-inch mortars. Fort Sumter stands out in the bay with her two twelve-inch guns, ready as always, to stop any enemy. At present there are three companies of Coast Artillery stationed here.

I hope to see many of my Fort Mill friends in Charleston this month. Electra Lodge should be well represented on Pythian Day. The exposition is in full blast now, and it is a great show. Every South Carolinian should see it. I will venture to say that none who see it will be disappointed, but will go away pleased and surprised to have seen the great undertaking which Charleston is so successfully accomplishing.

I am sorry to learn from your columns that the school in Fort Mill is to be closed the rest of this session. I hope that the trustees will get decide to open it. Why doesn't someone do something to "head off" the smallpox epidemic? Have all decided that the best way to wipe out the disease is for each one to have a genuine case of it, and thus become immune?

Mr. Editor, I must say that my present work is much better for the physical man than teaching school. One does not suffer from sore throat, and the nervous system is not completely wrecked after a day's work, but still I shall never forget my school at Fort Mill. The days I spent there were both pleasant and profitable ones, due to the hospitality of its people.

With the best wishes for The Times, I am very truly yours,

S. M. MASON.

### Selected County News.

Superintendent Johnson is seeking to perfect arrangements for the teachers and pupils of Winthrop college to visit the Charleston exposition.

The Rock Hill Journal says it is a foregone conclusion that the Three C's railroad is to be scooped in by the Southern, and that after all, it will be a good thing for Rock Hill.

The store of A. W. Smith & Co., at the Highland Park mill, at Rock Hill, was burglarized the other night. The thief carried off the cash register and broke it open, securing only a few dollars less than \$20.

A barn and corn crib belonging to Mr. C. H. Smith, who lives on his farm, about five miles southwest of Yorkville, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock. With great difficulty Mr. Smith saved his stock. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss was about \$200.

Occasionally a few bales of cotton are seen on the streets, but the receipts for the season have about ended, says the Rock Hill Herald. The holding of cotton was not so general this year as usual, from all accounts, and there will be little cotton on the market in the spring.

During the heavy downpour of rain Saturday night the store of Robbins & Wilson, at Rock Hill, was entered by burglars and about \$2 in coppers were taken out of the money drawer. A glass was broken and taken out of one of the front doors and the store entered in this way.

Robbers broke into the big plate glass window of Smith-Fewell Co.'s store in Rock Hill Saturday night. They were evidently frightened away, as they failed to break through the inner sash and enter the store. One of the robbers was badly cut by the broken glass, as the bloody condition of the glass and window showed. A negro preacher named Titus Land was arrested Sunday morning at the office of a colored physician having his arm, which was fearfully cut, dressed. He has since confessed to this and several other recent robberies in Rock Hill.

The following paragraph is from The Enquirer of January 8, 1857: "The best idea we have had as to the severity of the weather was

given us by a friend who, the day after the snow storm, walked over Catawba river on the ice. We have also heard that on the same day, a buggy was driven across Bical river on the ice at Cherokee Ford."...The only auction sale last Monday—sale day for February—was by the clerk. In the case of W. R. Warren et al., plaintiffs, vs. Catherine M. Warren, et al., defendants, that official sold a tract of 137 acres in Fort Mill township. It was bought by W. B. Wilson, Jr., for \$7.25 an acre. ...The changing was unable to do any road work last week on account of the rain, ice and mud. The stockade is located in a low pipe-clay bottom, and the weather made the situation so disagreeable that it became necessary to do a lot of ditching and haul in considerable quantities of sand. ...Although the linemen of the Redford T. I. phone company have been very busy since the freeze of last week, not a single out of town communication has yet been established, and there are no indications that such a communication will be established for several days yet. I developed that along most of the out-of-town lines, wires were broken in dozens of places and many of the poles were torn out of the ground. The breaking of the wires was due to the heavy load of ice, and the pulling up of the poles is attributed to the water-soaked condition of the ground.—Yorkville Enquirer, 5th.

### HEAD TO CONQUER OR DIE.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It is an unrivaled life saver in Consumption, Pneumonia, La Grippe and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup or Whooping Cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Meacham's drug store.

### Valuable Land for Sale or Rent.

One tract containing 140 acres. One tract containing 96 acres. Well timbered, located near Barbersville, S. C. Terms reasonable. Apply to Alex. Barber, Fort Mill, S. C.

### To Prevent Smallpox.

When you buy Cream of Tartar to prevent Smallpox be careful to buy the pure and you can't buy it at 10 cents per pound. Ask your physician about it. We have both kinds. Vaccination shields 10 cts. Call at ARDREY'S.

### TRY THE

City Barber Shop

For a first-class

HAIR CUT,

SHAVE,

SHAMPOO, or

HAIR SINGE.

Carothers & Son.

PROPRIETORS.

Third door Bank building.

TRESSPASS WARNING.

All persons are warned not to hunt, fish or for any purpose whatever enter upon any of the lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. The law will be rigidly enforced against any one disregarding this notice.

S. E. WHITE, Mrs. J. M. ODELL.  
J. W. ARDREY, F. NIX.  
J. M. SPRATT, Miss BESSIE WHITE.  
EDGAR JONES, W. L. JONES.  
D. A. LEE, J. B. MACK.  
J. H. COLFAR, W. B. HOKK.  
W. E. SPRATT, B. M. SPRATT.  
T. M. HUGHES, T. S. KIRKPATRICK.  
T. C. SPRATT, H. W. HUFFMAN.

"The melancholy days are here,  
The saddest of the year;"

WHEN the cold winds whistle in the chimney and Jack Frost catches the people with their wood piles short. When you feel that tickling in your throat and a pain catches you between your shoulder blades

Then is the time  
for you to get

CHERRY BALSAM

It acts pleasantly upon the throat and lungs; it is harmless, soothing and agreeable to take. Don't trade with a cold on your lungs. Remember that Consumption kills more men than bullets.

ARDREY'S DRUG STORE

## COOKING STOVES

Have advanced three times since we bought our last car load. However, we are still selling at old prices, but cannot do this very long. If you expect to buy a stove any time this year, it will pay you to buy it NOW.

We sell the best Sewing Machine in the United States at HALF PRICE.

Don't fail to see our new stock of Mens', Ladies' and Children's Shoes. Everybody knows that Harrisburg Shoes have no equal in quality and price.

We still have a few Ladies' Capes, Jackets and Hats that you can buy at HALF PRICE.

If you want low prices buy from a Cash Store. Credit stores can't touch our prices.

L. J. MASSEY,

Phone No. 71.

## Elegant Display of White Goods.

We have just received a large shipment of WHITE GOODS which we are offering at the following prices:

LAWNS—5, 6, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20 and 25 cts. 43-inch lawn, worth 12½c, now 10 cts.

ORGANDIE—10, 15, 20, 25 and 30c. 72-inch Organdie, worth 25c, now 20c. P-K—10, 15 and 20 cts.

MADRAS—15 and 25 cents. This is for your first spring waist. NAINSOOK—(checked) 5, 10, 12½ and 15 cts. Plain Nainsook at 10, 15 and 20 cts.

LINENS—Beautiful qualities in Blouse Linens at 15 and 20 cts. 65 pieces of Waists at 20 cts. Embroidered Linen for shirt waist at 30 cts. Come and see a complete line of White Goods and Embroideries.

BARGAINS in WINTER GOODS.

One piece of Brown (all wool) Hosiery 35 inch, was 50c, now 40c. One piece of dark grey of the same at 40c. One piece of that Wonderful Skirting, worth 35c, going now at 30c. 35c Satteen Skirts, quality can't be touched for the money. The \$1.25 kind for \$1; the \$1.50 skirts at \$1.25. Only a few of these skirts left. Three Fur Boxes that were \$2, now \$1.25. All-wool Blankets reduced from \$4.75 to \$2.95. Quilt Linings at 4c. Good yard-wide Donkey at 4½ and 5 cents.

MEACHAM & EPPS.

## The OLD RELIABLE Store.

T. B. BELK, Proprietor.

SEED OATS---We have on hand about 300 bushels of home raised Red Rust Proof Oats which we will sell at 85c a bushel, net cash, for a few days.

BEST MOLASSES---Have just received a big lot of New Orleans Molasses, and we think the price will advance later and we advise our friends to buy soon.

FERTILIZERS---Get our prices on Cotton Seed Meal, Acid, Kainit and all kinds of Guano before buying. We are strictly in the business and will not be undersold.

SPECIAL NOTICE---We have for sale or trade quite a large number of Horses and Mules, and while we will trade or sell any day in the week, we have decided to have every Tuesday and Friday special days for this purpose.

## The OLD RELIABLE Store.

T. B. BELK, Proprietor.